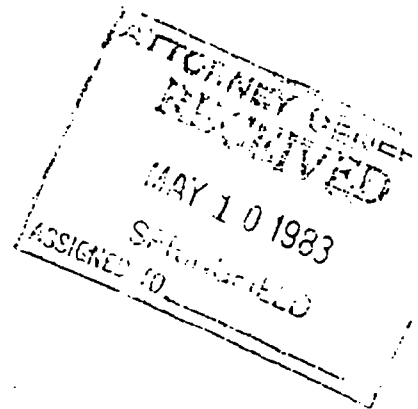


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W. V. Williams  
P. O. Box 723  
Granite City, IL 62040  
May 9, 1983



Ms. Ann Carr  
Assistant Attorney General  
Office of the Attorney General  
State of Illinois  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Ms. Carr:

This letter is in response to yours of April 15, 1983 concerning dust control measures to be implemented in the area of the property owned by the undersigned.

While I believe your office is fully informed, I wish to reiterate my position that the alleged condition you find in the area of our operation was not brought about due to activities of the undersigned nor, to my knowledge, by our predecessors in title. The condition that exists, according to information given to me, is the result of operations by NL Industries and/or Tara Corp. for well over a half a century. Never the less, everything that can feasibly be done to promote the alleviation of the problem will be done by this corporation.

We have reviewed the eight points set forth in your letter, and have conferred with owners and operators who might assist us in dealing with the problem.

1. Our present use of the property requires truck movement and parking throughout the full property, and restriction by barriers on the interior of the premises would render the property unusable for its present purpose. Thus, any voluntary proposed effort on our part must allow for this free movement on the premises.
2. As indicated above, roadways and parking lots can not be defined nor restricted, and, therefore, it is deemed necessary that any coating should provide for the entire premises except the most extreme Southwesterly portion. It is contemplated that Grade 8 rock would be used as determined necessary by any contractor employed for such purpose, and then the entire used area be surfaced by MC-30. It is understood that several applications over several years would be required to obtain a permanent foundation, and, therefore, interim applications of MC-30 or grading will be required and will be performed by this company.

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- 3.4. The most effective dust control on the coated surface is deemed to be water applied as necessary from water truck or other appropriate method. Accumulations of mud could be removed when necessary.
5. Due to the coating, vegetation will not be required except in the far Southwesterly portion of the property where wild and random vegetation is already growing.
6. Due to the extensive truck movement and parking, and due to the fact that said traffic occurs at random times during day, evening and weekends, it would be impractical to fence the State Street side of the property. 15th Street side is already fenced and the 16th Street side is primarily blocked by buildings although fencing could be erected between the building and the most Northeasterly part of the property. The Westerly boundary is completely blocked by Tara Corp's waste disposal pile.
7. Investigation concerning wheel washers has been made together with adjoining land owners and at this time, no positive information is available. Should further information become known, this will be submitted for your review.
8. Generally, drainage of the property flows to the West or towards Tara Corp's property or by natural drainage to property owned by Trust 454 (First Granite City National Bank, Trustee). No apparent feasible method of controlling waste water run-off is found. No culverts or other inlets are found within the property nor on its perimeter except to such extent as surface water may drain into an existing drain located on the property of said Trust 454. It is believed that most of the said surface water run-off does travel to said drain.

The undersigned has given written notice to St. Louis Lead Recyclers to remove the trash pile created by it on the Southwesterly position of our premises, and legal action is contemplated against NL Industries, Tara Corp.,

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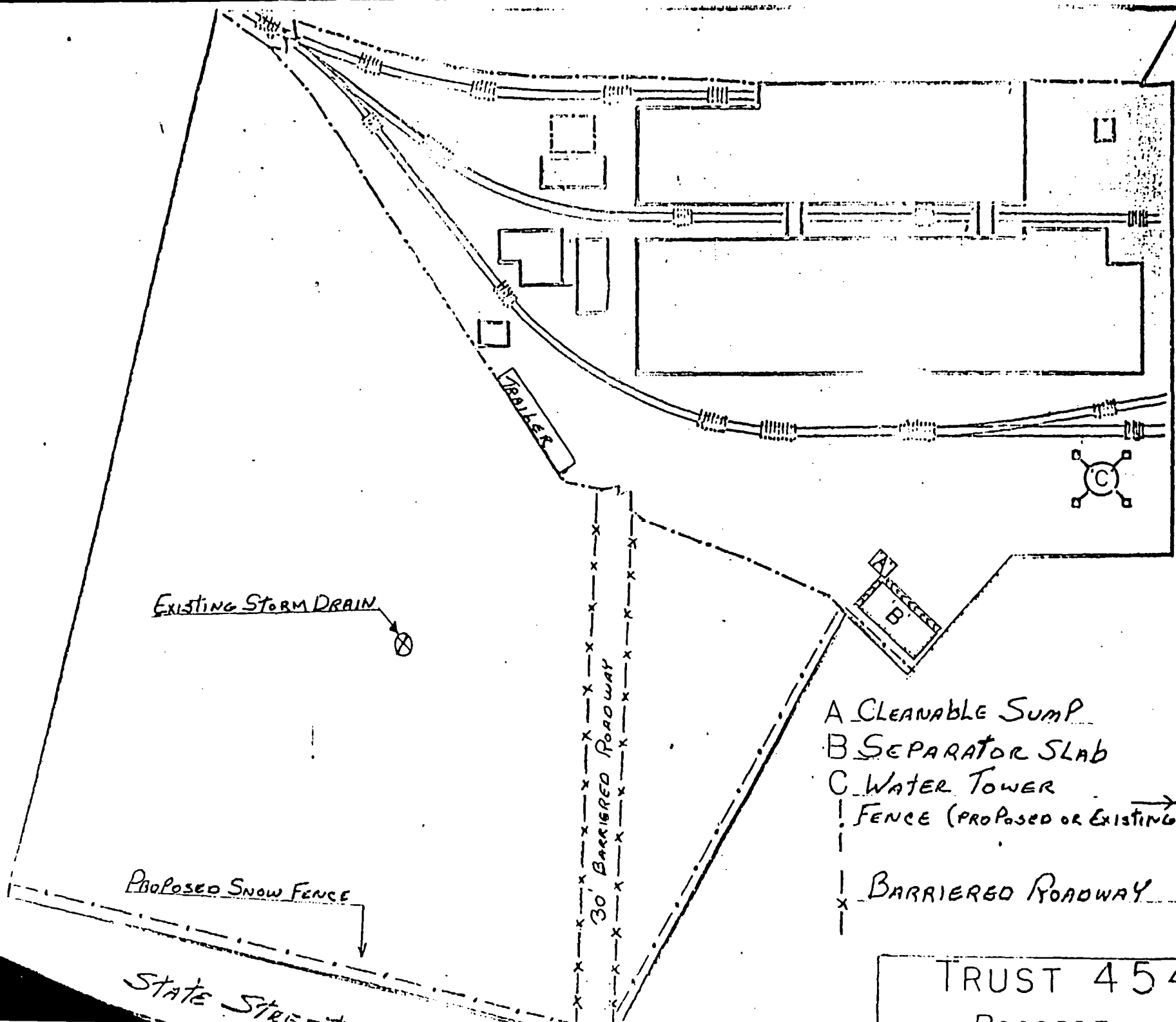
and any other parties found to be responsible for the degradation of our premises.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. V. Williams".

W. V. Williams  
Tri-City Truck Plaza

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A CLEANABLE SUMP

B SEPARATOR SLAB

C WATER TOWER

FENCE (PROPOSED OR EXISTING) →

BARRIRED ROADWAY

TRUST 454